WINDSOR FIRE HOSE FAVOREL IN CITY'S TESTS

Investigation by Commissioner of Accounts Reveals Queer Methods of Inspection.

"FIX" PRESSURE.

Inspector Falk Testifies That He Has Heard of This Having Been Done.

When John Purroy Mitchel, Comprisioner of Accounts, to-day resumed to investigation of rotten fire hose he directed his inquiries to the possibility of so "fixing" the pressure on fire engines that they will record a high pressure when a low pressure actually

The first witness of the day was J. B. Falk, who has been an inspector in the Fire Department for sixteen He was asked about the inspection of the Windsor hose, sections of which burst during the Parker Building fire.

Falk testified that when the Windsor hose was tested at the Manhattan repair station it burst frequently under the 300 degree pressure. Air pumps of modern design were employed in the test. Ten days later another test was demanded by the Windson Hose Company, but this time the scene of the test was transferred to a Brooklyn engine-house. Lengths of the hose were coupled to a low-pressure engine. but the guage indicated 300 degrees. Later another test of a larger Windsor hose was made from the fire-boat Zophar Mills.

Stood the Test Then.

O'dinarily such fire-boat tests are per-formed by the engines of the more powerful New Yorker, a modern marine fire fighter. The tests in Brooklyn and eboard the Zophar Mills met the requirements according to the gauges. "Isn't it possible to fix suages so that they will record a high pressure when a low pressure is actually in force?" asked Commissioner Mitchel.

"I have heard of such things being done," answered the witness. "Could you tell whether the gauges were 'fixed' in the Brooklyn and the Zophar Mills tests?"

"I could not," said the witness, "and in the case of the Zophar Mills I could not see the gauge and the hose at the "Do you know why the tests were or-

dered transferred from the Manhattan repair station, where the hose burst, to Brooklyn, where the hose did not "I cannot explain that," said Falk.

The Pressure "Fixed."

Did you ever hear of pressure gauges being 'fixed' so that an inferior hose would show a high pressure capacity?" "I have heard of that being done more than once." "You could not determine if it was

done in the case of the Windsor hose?" "I had no means of knowing." Falk made a statement which reveals

the utter inadequacy of the system of To this day in the Finance Depart-

ment," said Falk, "men are required to report on fabrics, weaves, machinery equipment and materials generally without having the slightest technical knowledge of such things. There is a rubber stamp that has been in use for years, which sets forth in stereotyped form that a certain inspection has been made and that the requirements have been observed. Inspectors, as a rula, don't know these things inti-

"Can you tell us the character of the weave in the Windsor hose?" "I cannot. That is technical."

"Can you tell whether Sea Island cotton was employed in the Wandsor hose, as required by the specifications?" "I cannot. That is technical, too." "But you certified to the specifica-

"Yes, but the rubber stamp leaves no alternative."

Other witnesses testified that a cotton inferior to Sea Island was employed in the Windsor hose.

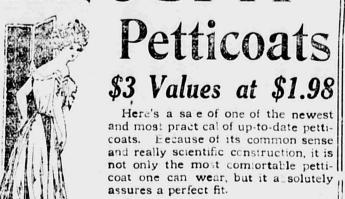
LEITER TO WED MISS WILLIAMS

The Chicago Wheat Man Is Engaged to Washington Society Girl.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28 .- The engagement of Joseph Leiter, of Washington and Chicago, and Miss Juliette Williams, of this city, daughter of Col. and Mrs. J. R. Williams, will be an nounced to-day. The date of the wed ding has not yet been decided upon, but it is expected to take place in Washing ton within a few weeks.

Mr. Leiter is the son of the late L. Z. Lefter, Born in Chicago in 1868, he was graduated from Harvard in 1892, in the auteumn of 1897 on the Chicago Board of Trade he was the hero of perhaps the largest and most daring dealin wheat this country has ever known. In every fashionable assemblage during the past winter there has been no more striking figure than Miss Willtwenty. Miss Williams was educated at Georgetown Convent, in this city afterward spending four years in Europe. She made her debut last winter at one of the largest tens of the

Words and musle of Manuel Klein's automobile song from the Hippodrome



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These petticoats are made of featherweight sateen and light weight moreen, in black and colors. Have deep shirred and tucked sectional ruffles, trimmed with banded sectional ruffles. shirred. Several splend d styles of the \$3 grades

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